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1. Construction of the Aktyubinsk Ferrous Alloy Factory was started three years before the war, but the first part of the factory was not completed until 1942. The factory is to be completed by 1950. It is controlled by the Central Directorate for Ferrous Alloy Industry (Chief - Sukhorukov) of the Ministry for Metallurgy USSR.
2. The factory is situated on the railway eleven kms. west of Aktyubinsk. The railway station at the factory is called Aktyubinski Zavod Ferroplavov, or AZF. This is the first station after Aktyubinsk.
3. The chief production of the factory is ferro-chromium alloys of various kinds designated Mark 2, Mark 1, Mark 0, Mark 00, Mark 000, and a small quantity of Mark 0000. In 1947, about 37,000 tons of ferro-chromium of various kinds were produced. During the first six months of 1948, production amounted to about 20,000 tons.
4. About 4,300 men and women are now employed at this plant.
5. There are two smelting shops, each equipped with five 2,000 - 2,500 kilowatt electric furnaces. All furnaces are never in operation at the same time, since one or another is always undergoing repair. [REDACTED] Comment: In Sg-15197 only one smelting plant was reported. This plant had five 3,000-4,000 kw. furnaces.)
6. Electric power for the furnaces is supplied by the factory's own power station, which is situated nearby. This power station also supplies electric power to Aktyubinsk and to industrial enterprises in the area.

in the Donskoye area, located about 100 kms. northeast of the factory. The chief of the Mine Administration is Kholodov and the director of the Donskoye Area Mining Industry is Shlykov. In 1947, the factory received

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about 80,000 tons of chromium ore from the Donskoye mines and 52,000 tons during the first six months of 1948. The chromium ore is of good quality and contains about 50 per cent of Cr O₃. Comment: Informant is not quite certain of this figure).

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- b. The factory receives quartzite from Mugodzarskaya Quartzite Quarries, near Emba. The equipment for the part of the quarries working specially for the Aktyubinsk Ferrous Alloy Factory was not finally installed until 1946.
 - c. The factory obtains limestone from the Bergochur Limestone Quarries, the equipment of which was installed in 1946.
 - d. The factory receives mazout from the Oil Supply Administration (Neftsnab) at Alma Ata.
 - e. The factory electric power station receives coal from Karaganda which is of a good quality. In 1947, the factory received about 200,000 tons of this coal. The electric power station consumes 16,000-17,000 tons of coal per month. The factory is also supplied with local coal of poor quality which burns badly and has a high ash content. Informant does not know the exact location of the coal mines supplying this coal, but states that they are south of, and near to, Aktyubinsk.
 - f. Metal turnings are furnished by the Secondary Ferrous Metal Trust, as far as informant can remember from Alma Ata and Tashkent.
8. A part of the factory personnel lives in a new settlement now under construction near the factory. This settlement at present consists of about 100 buildings only. Construction is being carried out by the Aktyubstroi, Aktyubinsk Construction Trust. Because the construction is proceeding slowly, there is considerable discontent among the workers. The remainder of the workers travel daily by train from Aktyubinsk, where they live in communal dwellings and houses. The living conditions of the workers are poor.
 9. The director of the Aktyubinsk Ferrous Alloy Factory is Makhabin. The deputy director is Lobzhanidze.

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